**AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL NARRATIVE**

**(a story about yourself)**

*Read the prompt below and respond to it in a multi-paragraph essay*.

At this time in your life, you have probably experienced many important events that have significantly affected or changed you. Think of ONE important event that has changed you and you have learned a lesson from.

Write an essay in which you describe **THIS ONE MAJOR EVENT**. In your autobiographical narrative, make sure to discuss what made this event significant. Be sure to provide your audience with specific details about the events, such as when and where they occurred.

# **WRITING DIRECTIONS**

The essay will be scored according to the criteria outlined in the scoring rubric. The following checklist will help you do your best work. Make sure you:

* Carefully read the prompt and make sure you understand what it is asking you to write about.
* Address the prompt clearly and effectively.
* Organize your essay with a strong introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion.
* Use specific details and examples to support your thesis.
* Support your narrative with specific details from the person’s life.
* Vary your sentences to make your essay interesting to read.
* Choose specific words to make your points clearly, keeping your audience in mind.
* Make the voice and tone of your essay suitable for your audience.
* Check for mistakes in grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and sentence formation.
* Write in blue or black ink. Scoring rubric